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Oral Interview

James J. Huerter

James J. Huerter was born to Emil and Valeria Huerter on May 29, 1925. They are descendants from Germany. He has lived in northeast Kansas for 78 years. Valeria was a teacher at Maple Shade Country School. It was a one-room schoolhouse. Emil was a farmer outside of Goff, Kansas. On the farm, they milked cows, raised chickens, and had a large garden. When he was old enough to go to school, James attended Maple Shade Country School. He had to walk a mile each way to get to and from school. He then attended Kelly Grade School where he graduated from the eighth grade. Finally, he attended and graduated from Goff High School in May 1942.

As a young boy, James lived through many hardships. He had to endure living on a farm during the Great Dust Bowl that swept through Kansas in the 1930's. Here are some memories he had of the Dust Storms:

"I remember one day a dust storm came up from Oklahoma and they sent us home from school because we couldn't see to read. There was so much wind during the Dust Bowl that the farmers had to start building windbreaks. Some days the dust storms were worse than others, but it went

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on for a whole year. We didn't get one inch of rain the entire year of 1937."

The Great Depression was also ripping through the nation during this time. James recalls:

"I can remember that nobody had any money. We never went hungry though, because we raised our own food and had cows and chickens. We sold eggs for other groceries that we needed. The only time we went to town was on Saturday nights. For fun, Seneca had free movies that we could go to."

James met Geraldine Enneking in 1946 at a barn dance near Seneca, Kansas. On September 3, 1946, James Huerter and Geraldine Enneking were united in marriage. They were married at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Seneca, Kansas. They have three boys, four girls, 19 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. James and Geraldine have been married for 57 years.

James wasn't the only one from his family to join the military. James' brother Bob was in the Navy Air Corps, his brother Alfred was in the Army Air Corps, and his brother Dan was in the Air Force for 20 years.

During the time James was going to school, in the years leading up to World War II, he never thought he was going to go to a far away land risking his life for his country right after graduation. I asked him what he

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thought about the threat of war coming to the United States while Germany was taking over the European Continent, he replied:

"I thought the British did a good job against the Germans but I knew they had their hands full. I didn't know much about the Soviets so I didn't know if they were going to help out or not. I thought it was a good idea to help the British out by the Lend-Lease Act and the Destroyer-Bases Deal. I didn't think the United States was going to end up fighting in the war though. I think everyone over here just hoped the British would be able to take care of Germany without our help."

Although James didn't think he was going to have to fight a war during the Battle of Britain, his mind changed after Pearl Harbor. When Japan attacked the United States on December 7, 1941, James realized what he was going to have to do:

"I remember that I had been hunting all day, and when I got home my parents told me what was going on. It was quite a shock. I wondered why they wanted to attack us. We never did anything to bother them. After Pearl Harbor, I felt a great sense of patriotism. I felt like I wanted to go sign up to fight right away. I had to wait until I graduated from high school though."

Many people were feeling this patriotism during this time period. Before Pearl Harbor, very few people in the United States wanted to be

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dragged into another European conflict. When the war came to them, it was a different story. Everybody wanted to do their part to help the United States defeat the evil dictatorships. People didn't only help in the military though. Many people, including women, stayed home and produced the tanks, ships, guns, and everything else the Allies needed to win the war. James parents helped in a different way. They continued to farm their land and help feed the American people and soldiers.

World War II affected James' life plans quite a bit. Before Pearl Harbor, James never considered joining the military. He planned on owning his own land and farming. When he decided that he was going to join the military, he wanted to join the Navy with his cousin. The two were split up when the Navy told James he couldn't join because he was colorblind. James started out in the Army infantry. He finished basic training and signed up for parachute infantry. He started out as a rifleman, and ended up as a 1st Scout.

James had to go to Camp Roberts, California for his basic training. I asked him what he thought about his basic training and officers. He said:

"I learned a lot at basic training. I think that it would be good training for anybody. I learned to take orders because if you didn't, you would be

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peeling potatoes and scrubbing the floors. I had good officers. I respected them a great deal. They were just regular ordinary guys."

Although Germany seemed like a more formidable opponent, James said that he thought the Japanese were more of a threat:

"I think the Japanese posed more of a threat to the United States than Germany. The Germans didn't attack the United States. Japan did. I had to fight against the Japanese every day while I was in the Pacific, and they were even a bigger threat than I thought."

After James had his training out of the way, he was off to the Pacific to fight against the Japanese. His company jumped on Corregidor Island at 1200 hours on Feb 16, 1945. The very high wind and rough terrain made jumping hazardous. Many of his fellow soldiers were injured during the jump onto Corregidor. James' crew looked at the Japanese as dirty fighters. This is because of the Banzi attacks that the Japanese used. One example of this was on Feb 19.

"At 0430 Japs made "Banzi" attack on Company CP. Japs came out of caves along shore and came up through ravines. They took the high ground above the CP and started charging. About half of the men on perimeter were killed by infiltrating Japs. The rest of the perimeter withdrew closer to the Company. We lost 13 men during this attack. The Japanese lost approximately 150 men." (Company D Unit History)

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James was not at all excited about being part of an invasion on the Japanese mainland. If there was any way that the United States could beat the Japanese without an all out invasion, James wanted it to happen. That is why James was happy that the United States government decided to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki:

"I was very glad to see the atomic bombs dropped on Japan. If we had to invade Japan, we would have lost thousands of men. The Japanese had been known for fighting to the end. There wasn't any other way to make them surrender, besides the atomic bomb. If we didn't drop the atomic bomb, I may have been killed while we were taking Japan. "

I agree that the use of the atomic bomb saved many American lives. It may have even saved James' life. I wish there was another way the United States could have ended the war though. With all of the threats we now have from terrorists, I wish nuclear weapons never existed.

James remembers the day that the Allies defeated Germany very well. He was in the Philippines Islands and there were celebrations. They were all happy because they thought they were going to get more help. With the Germans now out of the war, the United States and their Allies could now go after Japan with all of their force. James remembers the day the Japanese surrendered even better:

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"That was a great day. There were huge celebrations when the Japanese surrendered. We knew that the hell of fighting a war was finally over. The only thing that would have been better is if they allowed us to have beer."

After the war was over, James Huerter ended up in Japan. He was part of the United States occupation. He went through much of Japan, and he saw where the atomic bomb was dropped. He couldn't believe all of the people it killed and the destruction it caused. He was discharged after he received enough points. Soldiers were given points based on how long they were fighting. They were also given points for being wounded. After a soldier received enough points, they were sent home. James was very happy to finally return home.

I used to think Heroes were easy to recognize by their fancy uniforms and shiny medals. I used to believe they were always the people in newspaper headlines & history books.

But through the years of my life, I've seen Heroes that look a lot like teachers and nurses and neighbors and friends.

There are Heroes who risk their lives for those they may never meet. And there are everyday Heroes all around us who quietly lend a gentle hand

a listening ear,
a healing touch.

Some Heroes wear handsome uniforms.

Some Heroes are clothed in the aging body of a grandparent or the innocent spirit of a child. I used to think Heroes were easy to recognize. . .

Now, I understand, they're just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. Hearts that reach out to a stranger in need without expecting to be noticed and without ever realizing the life-changing difference they have made.

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Dear folks.

Well we got sworn in
& got our uniforms today (Mon)
tomorrow we will get our shits
& maybe we will be sent out
the next day.

We don't know for sure how
long we will be here so I
couldn't write until I know
for sure. Well there isn't much
to write about right now so I
will close for now & write more
later.

A & E
Jim



Pfc. James J. Huerter
Kelly
503rd Parachute Infantry
WW II
Asiatic Pacific Service Medal
★ Philippine Liberation Ribbon
two bronze stars WW II Victory
Medal, Good Conduct Medal
Purple Heart with Bronze Oak Leaf
Distinguished in Action
Service Arrowhead with Bronze Oak Leaf
Wounded in Action
April 18, 1945

Pvt. James J. Huerter
A.S.N. 37000000
R.R. # 1, 1/2 "E"
Bonacks # 615
Ft. Leavenworth



W. J. Huerter
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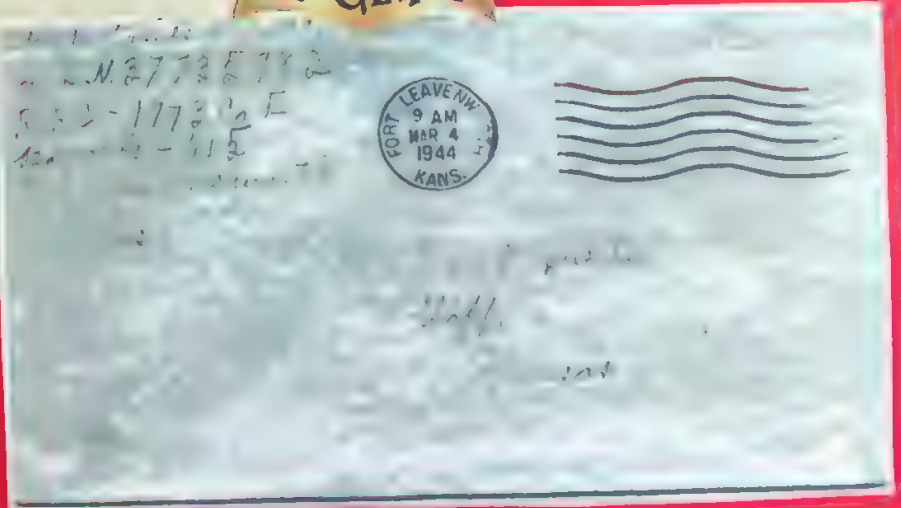
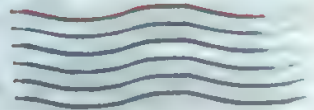


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OLD GLORY

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M. 2772 E 772
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Dear Father

Wouldn't it still down here? I
wonder if the boys in our barracks got
their shipping orders today but I
won't get mine.

I met a fellow named Longall from
Capt. Cro. He is a long road to the port
and really got to help me off with it.
I and two other fellows go down to
barracks to help & sweep it out &
sweep the floor & then sit around &
talk the rest of the day.

We have had good meals since
I have been here.

Today I sent my clothes down in
my suit case & I think it will send
it by train to the bottom.





Dad had get moved on again
you heard from him lately.

He have any letters from Dad I
just found them under a box
of his things

When I get an address I want
about 2 that chances to also see
me Bob's address. After that is
about for time to turn in so I will
close for now

P.O. Box J. Quarter

A.S.N. 27725982

R.R.C. - 17722 E

Barracks - 615

A. L. Leavenworth

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M/1. Emil Quarter

Staff

10000

True





KANSAS

KANSAS

The first day I went to
the bank and found it was closed.
I had to wait until the next day.
The second day I went to the
bank and found it was closed.
I had to wait until the next day.



Port. James G. Hunter
A.S.N. 27735982



God bless America, land that I love-stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the ocean white with foam-God bless America, my home sweet home



The Philippines
March 10, 1944

Dear Folks,

I suppose you have heard about our outfit & wondering how I am. Well I am still about as good as ever. I had a few small ^{pieces of} shrapnel in my back but didn't bother me though. Did lose a little weight though.

We are now out of danger & are eating good again. We had some ~~real~~ fresh tomatoes for supper tonight. Also steak & gravy. I was really glad to get the tomatoes.

Say could you get me a good Bilfold & send it to me. I lost mine & we can't get any over here. Didn't have but a dollar bill in it. I sure hated to lose it because it was the one Bob gave me

for my birthday. I also had some pictures I hated to lose but there isn't anything I can do about it.

The reason we weren't getting our mail there for a long time was because we were on a ship & couldn't get any. We could write though. We were on the ship almost 2 months.

I got Gracie's picture & also Bob's & Verda's. It is sure a good picture.

We went to a show last night.

The name of it was The Conquistador. It was pretty good. Sure is good to be back where you can go to a show again. Hat Bob's address. Will write as soon as I have time. Hat try to tell you something about what happened a little later. I will write you again. I am sure

It will take to show a small packet
and it also a packet dictionary

Lt James J. Huertes
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A.F. 2321, 7. P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Emil Huertes
Yoff,
Kansas



I have never spoken to You—
 But now—I want to say "how to You do"
 You see, God, they told me You didn't exist—
 And like a fool—I believed it—
 Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky—
 I figured right then they had told me wrong—
 Had I taken time to see the things You made,
 I'd known they were n't such a waste of space—
 I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand—
 Somehow—I feel that You will understand—
 Funny—I had to come to this hell of a state,
 Before I had the time to see Your face—
 Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
 But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today—
 I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here,
 But I'm not afraid since I know You're near—
 The signal!—Well, God—I'll have to go—
 I like You lots—That's I want You to know—
 Look, now—this will be a horrible fight—
 Who knows—I may come to Your face as King—
 Though I wasn't friendly with You before—
 I wonder, God—if You'd wait at Your Door—
 Look—I'm crying—Me!—She's crying too—
 I wish I'd known I You these many years—
 Well, I will have to know, God—some day—
 Strange—since I met You—I'm not afraid to die.



THE POEM HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD.

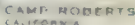
(Written by Miss Frances Angermayer in Kansas City, June 2, 1943)

CONVERSION.

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Cast Garrison, Camp Roberts,
California

+ 1 pair of good Towels. If you
 get up to 8.00 or 9.00 of any stuff here
 you may get it at 50 cents. I have
 just bought a very good one for 1.00
 for the lights to go out to 4.00





NEW PLEISTOCENE
MAR 18
1944
NEW YORK





Camp Roberts, Calif
March 27, 1946

Dear Folks

Well I received your letter today. I + sure takes a long time for mail to get back + forth. I also got a letter from Uncle Eddie today. I was sure glad to hear from home. I got the letter you sent to Leavenworth. I got it Sunday. I wrote to Boy that day also.

I was sure glad to get Bill's address. I was going to have you send it to me. Well you please send me Francis's address. If I get a week end pass we may have time to go to Los Angeles.

There are two boys about my age from Kansas. One of them came from Leavenworth with me. The other came from Colby Kansas. They are both small boys.

I didn't get a chance to go to Church today because we had to get some of our equipment. Rifles, bayonets & packs. I have gotten to go to Church the rest of the time. I hope I may have some nice churches out here.

We have been doing quite a bit of working about gas & first aid.

It sure seems funny to me you tell how it has been raining back here. I hope it get pretty hot out here in a day time but it frosts at night some times.





OLD GLORY

If I don't have any money to let at
 America you can send for one if you like. When you
 get my watch you can send it out. Then have
 more up fells her but they aren't much good. I
 would like to have a good one if I could get one
 so I think that I will let you get one for me.

We don't have to get up until about 5:20
 now but we will probably get up earlier later on.
 We don't have much time at night either we have
 none about 2 hrs of classes at night.

Any I want you to keep my to sport
 coats. The boys can have some of the older
 ones but I want the best ones. I may want
 some of them some day.

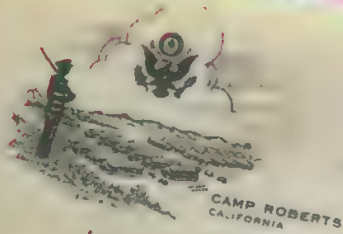
We sure have a small bunch of people
 here. Rockwell is just a young fellow & he
 is like him. In fact all of our officers are
 young fellows.

That is time for the night 5:10
 + 5:20 until 5:30 for now.

Love
 Jim



LIBERTY



Camp Roberts, Cal
April 1, 1944

Dear Folks

I received the packages that you sent me. I was sure glad to get them. It is really a nice model.

I got a letter from Uncle Eddie & one from Bill H. He like the Navy but says he doesn't get much time off.

There was 105 more boys come out here from Leavenworth the other day but I haven't found anyone I know yet. I think I will go up there & see if there is anyone I know some time.

We have gone on a few hikes last week. We went on a 6 mile hike Friday with our full field packs & our rifles. Some of the rest of the boys got a few blisters & one man didn't make it at all but the rest of us made it all right.

Yesterday we went on a 7 mile hike with our combat packs which are lighter. We had to take our gas masks & rifles. We also went through two gas chambers. We went through tear gas masks first. While we were in the 1st chamber we had to take our masks off & give our noses a serial 220 & then walk out. After the we went into the Chlorine gas chamber. We were in there with our masks off & then put them on in there before we got out.

gas. Most of us got them on all right. Our Lieutenant
went in with us & he saw one man having
trouble with his mask & so he helped him get
it on & got to much gas himself. Chloroform
gas will make you laugh & if you get an
awfull lot it will make you vomit. This
gas wasn't full strength so it has no bad
effects.

One man in our platoon got to much
gas & they took him to the hospital but brought
him back to camp shortly after. He was
as good as ever though today.

We got a few more vaccinations Friday
just before we went on our hike. My arms
got pretty sore before we got back.

Well it is about bedtime so I will
close for now.

When my ~~was~~ they get my watch
fixed you can send it to me & I will
send this one home. It doesn't keep too
good of time.

Love
Jim.





Camp Roberts, Calicut
April 8, 1944



Dear Dan,

I received your letter & was glad to hear from you. You wanted to know why I hadn't written. Well I have written at least once a week & sometimes twice a week. The only time we have much time is on Sat. & Sunday. During the week they keep us to busy.

Well I like the Infantry just fine. It is kinda hard but it is a lot of fun. Wed Morning we got up at 4:00 & left at 5:30 on a 10 mile hike on Pannac. When we got to our destination we had a few lessons on how to stop a tank with our rifles, hand grenades, & with the bazooka. The bazooka is quite a gun. It shoots rockets that are about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. in diameter & 5 inches long. It is a 2 man gun & it doesn't kick at all. The shells are set off by electricity.

After those classes we went out & dug for holes which are 2 by $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 6 ft. After we had them dug we got down in them & saw a tank run over us. A tank can't hurt you a bit when you have them dug right. That afternoon we learned how to build all kinds of tank barriers to stop a tank.

That night we marched about a mile further down the road & pitched our tents. Each man has a shelter half in his pack. We put them up & have a sleep tent.



Tuesday we went back to the place where we
were Wed. & had some classes about anti tank mines
booby traps & anti personnel mines. Afterward
they took us out in a mine field & we had to
find the mines dig them up & explode them. One
of them went of pretty close to two of the boys.
They got to Corellus with them. In the afternoon
we studied how to hook up anti personnel mines
to mines. Then we had to dig some of them.
Each platoon buried there in a different place &
then we would change places & dig up each
others. One of these also blew up but no one
was hurt.

At 5:00 that night we started back
to camp. We got it back about 7:00. Some of
them had big blisters on their feet, & some
were awfully tired but I didn't have any blisters
& I wasn't very tired.

Yesterday we had a new class but
didn't go on any hikes. This morning we
had some bayonet practice & inspection. You
really have to have your rifle & bayonets clean
or they will give you. When you get given
put you on strike detail. The Lieutenant told me
I had a real clean rifle this morning. Well
it is getting late so I will close for now.
I received the new base with 1 P
at mess & middle.



Mr. Daniel Huerta
Yoff,
7 on 205



UNITED STATES ARMY

Camp ...
...

Dear ...

I received your letter of the 1st of ...
... and I am very glad to hear from you.
... and I am very glad to hear from you.

I heard that you had ...
... and I am very glad to hear from you.
... and I am very glad to hear from you.

I am very glad to hear from you.
... and I am very glad to hear from you.
... and I am very glad to hear from you.

I am very glad to hear from you.
... and I am very glad to hear from you.
... and I am very glad to hear from you.



UNITED STATES ARMY



get in some of the darndest positions. They
are so low that the shells until one gets over
mussels stretched for them. We haven't
been firing any yet. It is what they call
the dry range.

and back. We'll be out there four days
and probably won't be able to write next

Have you got the oats planted yet? They sowed one last fall it

Have you heard from
him. I wrote to him about 10
ago but haven't heard from him.





UNITED STATES ARMY

it was by albs.

I received the telegram saying that Grandmother had died. I was very sorry to hear that. I tried to get a horse fast instant. I could not even get away long enough to see her. Oh, you sad, poor, good thing! Oh, that I could see her one more time. I wish to come home it, but I have sent me behind in my traveling & busy would have sent me in another company & I would not have seen a word of her.

We have seen on the dry living angiosperms that at midday would go out on night frosts, I was determined we would make a mile or so with our best galeas packed. We had to get up at 11:30 and get down by 12:30. It was a long walk, but it was a good one.

I got a letter from Mr. [unclear] today.
I was sure it would come. I
was getting impatient. I had
get the paper that the 2^d of [unclear] had sent.
I was also glad to get that.

We get up at 2:20 tomorrow & start out
to the rifle range. It is about 4 miles out





UNITED STATES ARMY

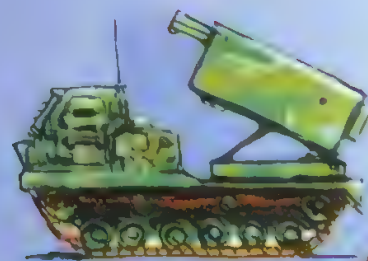
... we are going to stay out here so we must
have to march each & forth every mile & morning
that will be a lot more.

Now do you know whether one of the
young boys born in here is out here. I
thought I saw one of them in Church this
morning.

Could you send me about \$100.
my got at miles up on my pay & we
haven't gotten paid yet.

If I can't find out much more
I will let you know for now.

Love,
[Signature]



Camp Roberts, Calif
April 22, 1944



UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Father

I received your letter & was sure glad to hear from home. It sure seems funny when you tell about it snowing back there. It get pretty hot here in the daytime & cool at nights.

I haven't gotten my watch yet but will probably get it before very long. My other one quit running Monday. We were on the rifle range shooting & I think it got forced to much.

We got to shoot our rifles for the first time Monday. We practiced the first part of the week & started shooting for record Friday. I done pretty good. I got a score of 167 out of a possible 200. There weren't very many more that done much better. I got a "Sharp Shooter" medal. I would have liked to have gotten an experts medal but wasn't good enough for it.

One boy in our platoon, made a score of 192. That was the highest score made in our Battalion & our ~~platoon~~ platoon was second highest in the Battalion.

We were out on the range all week & didn't get back until 2 o'clock yesterday. It was awfully hot yesterday. We had to march about 2 miles back to camp.



UNITED STATES ARMY

We have a new Corporal in our platoon now. He seems like an awfully nice fellow. The Corporal that we did have got a promotion & is a Buck Sgt. now. He is an awfully nice fellow. He is only about 23 years old.

I was glad to hear that Dad got to come home. He doddy all through overseas. He sure had a tough time of it & let. It was so muddy most of the spring.

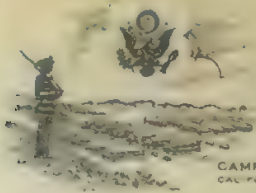
We had a fairly nice time while we were out on the rifle range. Some of the boys in my tent got Cakes & Cookies & we would sit around our candle & read letters, talk & eat.

Well it is about Chow time so I will close for now.

I had my picture taken last week & will send you one as soon as I get them.

The Chow bell is ringing so I will close for now.

Love
Bill



CAMP ROBERTS
CALIFORNIA

Just a line or two to tell you that I got my money, felt & the money C.O.F. It is really a nice one. Thanks a lot.

I have to go to the post office soon to get my money to write. I think that I might get to go L.A. next week end. It cost about \$2.00 for a round trip by Parawich seems to be quite a bit but it is also about \$2.00 to the

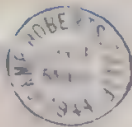
I was on detail yesterday afternoon for having a duty but plate on my rifle. I had to paint 7 garbage cans which wasn't so bad. There were a lot more that got giggled for having duty with a plate. The good thing about it is that they don't take the ones off of pass for giggles anyway.

It is really getting hot out here now. Friday we had a parade at 10:00. It was a bit of a mess but it was really well run. One boy had a tube of Vaseline in his pocket & he got it out of it & it ran all over his pocket so you can see how hot it was.

What are they after this? It said had better close for now.

I went to the show with the express last night. The name of it was Days of Glory. It was not close now.

Love
Linn



Mrs. Emil Hunter
Goff,
Kansas





A Soldier and a Deck of Cards

A young soldier was in his bunkhouse all alone one Sunday morning over in Afghanistan. It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't made a noise. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then, an army Sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The Sergeant said, "Looks like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards." The Sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

You see the Ace, Sergeant, it reminds me that there is only one God.

The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.

The Three represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Four stands for the Four Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Five is for the five virgins that were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The Seven is for the day God rested after working the six days.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, in which God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth for the first time.

The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten but nine never thanked him.

The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan. One of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.

The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all Kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck, each is a week, and 52 weeks in a year.

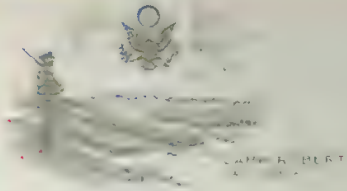
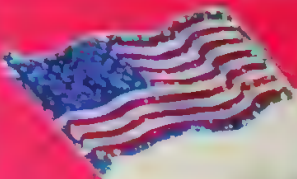
The four suits represent the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

Each suit has thirteen cards, there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The Sergeant just stood there and after a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of Cards?"

Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are being sent away, putting their lives on the line fighting for us.
GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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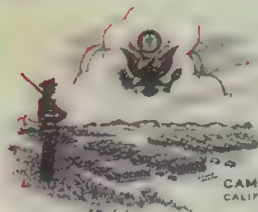
my little sleep & then worked until noon.
I took a general airing - watered the
lily pond & moved.

I got the money you sent me & also my watch. I am going to send my other watch home one of these days. I finally got paid tonite. I got \$1.25. I don't know what you would get me a money letter you sent me. I also send that padlock that has been laying around there.

I wrote to Bill & told him to send the padlock & my camera & the films but I suppose he has forgotten it.

I had my picture taken about two weeks ago but haven't gotten them yet. I will send it home as soon as I get it. I would like to have it so I could send it home & you could have it for Christmas but I can't get it there by then.





CAMP ROBERTS
CALIFORNIA

2.

I got a card from Francis this other day. He wrote it in Topanga on his way back to Calif. He wanted to know if I could get to see him. He said that if I could it that he might be able to come up to see me some time. One of the boys in the barracks says that his wife is coming out in his car & when she gets out that he will take us down.

We had some more rifle practice today. It is sure a lot of fun to shoot these rifles. They kick quite a bit but it is still a lot of fun.

We will shoot the carbine & the B. C. & this week. The Carbine shoots a 20 caliber but is a lot smaller than the M1, that we have been shooting. It is also a lot smaller. The carbine is only 17 inches long on it. The B. C. or the Browning Automatic Rifle is a lot heavier than the M1, but shoots the same size of a shell. It is almost like a light machine gun.

We have been having some nice weather here. It got pretty hot here today. It is the hottest it has been since I have got here.

We won't have any night problems this week so I think that I might get caught up on my letter writing.

So that till at Glenview or how you want

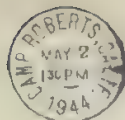
or how you want to get it

Did Bill H. think that he would get it
to a school of ~~some~~ some kind.

Well I can't think of much else to write
I will close for now.

Love
Jim

Post. James J. Hunter
A.S.N. 27725982
Co. B 91 Inf. Tng Bn.
Post Harrison, Camp Roberts
Calif



Hoff

Happy
Mother's
Day!

Dear Mom

Well, it is Mother's Day & I haven't had
a chance to get you anything yet. I went to
Hess's yesterday & saw the proofs of the
pictures I had taken. They were pretty good.
I want to get them until the 20th of May. I
thought that I could do it. I was wrong.
I am sure you are in Mother's Day but didn't get
them in time.

I have really gained a lot of weight here.
I weigh 125 lbs. I have gained 20 lbs.

At the B.R. & the Barber's last Wed-
nesday. I made an appointment with the Barber's
at 10 o'clock with the B.R. & the Barber's, or going to
shoot the right 7, 1 o'clock. I was sometimes
this week. I think that it will be a lot
of fun to shoot at.

He didn't get very much sleep last week.
He had some night problems until 2:30
7 o'clock. He got up at 4 o'clock the next morning.
One night we went out on reconnaissance patrol
and checked around on some of the deepest corners
of the hill. If you would sleep you wouldn't sleep
at all. If you hit the bottom.



I got the money money felt, & watch A.P.
They are do come in handy.

Is Bob home now? I got a letter from him
& he said that he thought he was ready to go
home. I don't think that I will send any more
letters to his old address because he probably
won't be there anyway. As soon as you get his
new address you can send it to me & then I
will write to him.

I have been getting the Seneca paper
now. I can keep up on some of the news over
home anyway.

Well I can't think of much else to
write so I will close for now.

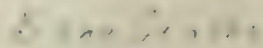
Love
Jim

P.S.

Dan! The boys all think that you
are a pretty good artist. They were very good
pictures.

AMERICA

LIFE
LIBERTY
and the PURSUIT of HAPPINESS

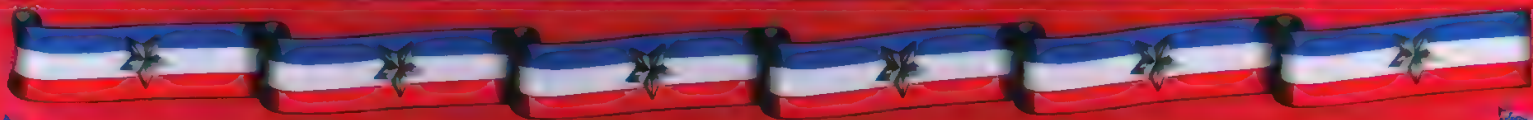


are you still there? I am just
out. Is it still raining back there?
I would - since I have not heard of
you, I really have some doubts.

But you are not alone.

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CAMP ROBERTS
CALIFORNIA

I got a letter from you and was glad
I didn't write you a long one but I hope
you'll like it and my love to your mother.

I was sure to tell that I was
going to be home soon. I was sure I was
for what it. Have you heard of anything
enough. You are in service.

I'm going to shoot the 1st 717
Mortar. I'm sure. I'm sure it's very interesting
I think, if you are in service. I was first
to shoot the 1st 717. A few times.

I was sure to tell that I was
going to be home soon. I was sure I was
for what it. Have you heard of anything
enough. You are in service.

There has been a lot of talk going
around that all paratroops will be
in the 1st 717. I'm sure it's very interesting
I think, if you are in service. I was first
to shoot the 1st 717. A few times.

I got an awfully nice letter from
you and was glad I didn't write you a long one
but I hope you'll like it and my love to your mother.



There is no stationer at the new house
you heard from Sam yet. I have not heard

from him yet

I saw a show last night. It was very
good. I think that I will go to it
tonite also.

My mother and father are well and
hope to see you soon.

I am a small and precious child,
my dad's been sent to fight...
The only place I'll see his face,
is in my dreams at night.
He will be gone too many days
For my young mind to keep track.
I may be sad, but I am proud.
My daddy's got your back.
I am a caring mother.
My son may go to war...
My mind is filled with worries
that I have never known before
Everyday I try to keep
my thoughts from turning black.
I may be scared, but I am proud.
My son has got your back.
I am a strong and loving wife,
with a husband soon to go.
There are times I'm terrified
in a way most never know.
I bite my lip, and force a smile
as I watch my husband pack...
My heart may break, but I am proud.
My husbands got your back...
I am a soldier, Serving Proudly, standing tall.
I fight for freedom, yours and mine by answering this call.
I do my job while knowing, the thanks it sometimes lacks.
Say a prayer that I'll come home. It's me who's got your back.





U. S. ARMY SERVICE CLUBS
CAMP ROBERTS, CALIFORNIA

June 5, 1944

I got your letter yesterday
I was glad to hear from you
and that a letter from home
I guess he really likes to see
those I am sure about this

I wanted you to send the
envelopes about the 1st of July. We
will be through with our things
by July 1st is the same
a month. He will be ready to
leave by the 1st of the month. I think
the boys will get furloughs. At
least 90% of us will.

If you can't send it until the
15th don't send it. The
envelopes I mean.



God Bless America!!!



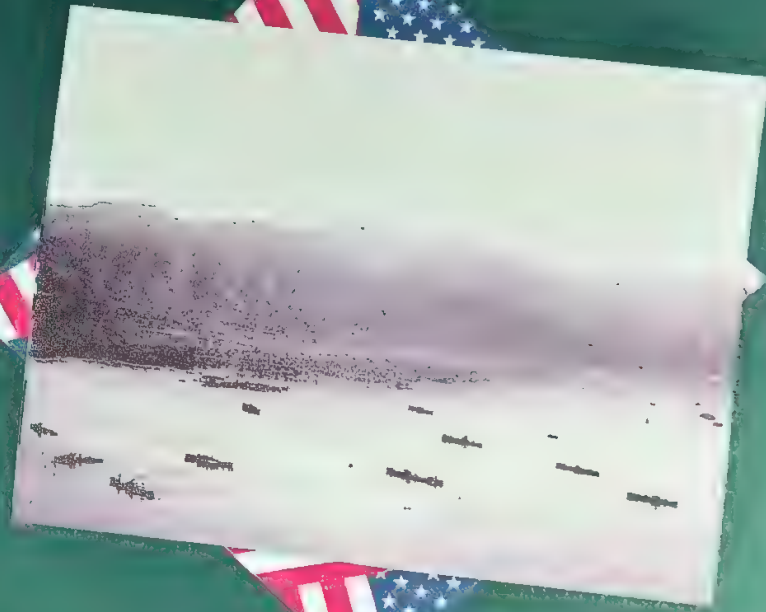
U. S. ARMY SERVICE CLUBS
CAMP ROBERTS, CALIFORNIA

We have to have our furlough
money by the 15 because we will
start shipping out anything after
that.

I got a card from Stacey
+ she wants me to come home
before I leave here. I don't think I
will be able to though because I don't
think we will get any more furloughs
before we leave here.

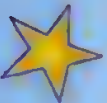
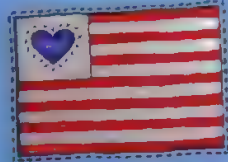
We have only 2 days of leave
left. I think we will all be glad
to get back to camp again. It's
really a pretty good thing
to stay here and wait until we
don't get along to another.

That's all I can tell you
about my lot. I'll be
happy then.



Taking the
to London
In The ...

1942-1943



quite a while since I
 wrote, but I have been
 keeping as pretty busy lately
 I haven't been writing very much
 but we have had some long hours.
 I haven't even had time to
 get some folders to send my pictures
 I'm in a bit of a hurry to go to
 the West Garrison to get the...

We had to work last Saturday
 up. We were shooting the M1 rifles.
 I had a letter from Bob & I to lately
 getting along all right.

I hope they get their maintenance
 up. They probably have a...

We have what we will have
 to do in the Para-troops. We will
 have three weeks more of basic...

AMERICA

I just need one hour per year
to go with the record book and have
to have to jump & have to have
one jump. The record book is
a little for the first 100. It
will not ever change. After that
we will have about 10 to 15 minutes
of the training. The 100 is about
100. I don't want to have to go and
see so soon. I want to see it
in a letter. I will give you the first
one but there is a big thing up. I am
training for the 100% of the paper
and as soon as the paper is over.

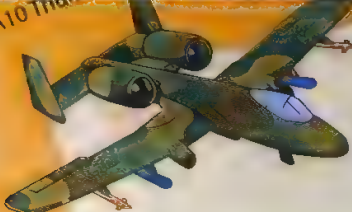
Say I don't want to go to the
school. I want to go to the school
again. I would like to have
some money.

That is about the end of the
year. I will be back for you.

Love
John



A10TH



UNITED STATES ARMY



Dear Folks
I got ~~my~~ your letter yesterday &
was glad to hear from you.
I got ~~the~~ money you sent me Sat.
& got to go to Los Angeles also.
Francis & I went to a dance & had
quite a bit of fun. Sunday we went
to Church first & then went down
to Long Beach. They have an
amusement park there right down
on the beach.

We didn't go swimming but
we went boat riding & had a lot
of fun.

They had a small earthquake
while I was there. We were in
the house & it really did shake.
I thought the house was going to
fall in. It really scared me.





UNITED STATES ARMY

We had our 9 mile speed march this morning. We march 9 miles in 1 hour & 50 minutes. That is travelling right along. It was really a lot easier than I thought it would be.

We signed up for our ~~camp~~ Morale & Welfare today. Next week we will start out on our bivouac. I probably won't get to write so often but will write as often as possible.

Tomorrow night we have a night problem & also Thursday.

We have to have our money ready to buy our train tickets when we get back from bivouac.

Well it is getting late so I will close for now.

Yours
John



June 22, 1966



Dear Folks

Well I have some time off so I will write a line or two. We had all morning off to clean our rifles & fool around. We had a nite problem last nite until 2:20. We also have one tonite

This afternoon we have a 10 mile march & that is all.

One of the Corporals said this morning that the paratroopers would all get a delay in route on our way to Ia. I don't know how long it will be though. It won't count as a furlow & maybe we will get a furlow then when we finish down there.

Will you send me my little suit case about the 6 or 1 of July. Don't send it before then because we will be out on bivouac & I sure don't want it out there. We will have enough to

Carry anyway. Ma.

How is the hay this year. It should be pretty good. You have had enough rain anyway.

How does the wheat & oats look now. I hope you have a good crop. Albert Wilson wrote & said he wished I could be there for harvest. He has & gotten angry to help yet.

Well it is about time to fall out so I will close for now.

Love
Gene

P.S.
I probably won't get to write very often if at all while I am out on furlough. So don't worry. I will try to write a card or something.



June 23, 1944



Dear Folks,

I don't have much time to write before the lights go out but I got some pictures pictures & am going to send them home. You can send some of the best ones to Bob so he can see what I look like. If you want to keep them you can have him send them back.

I am on R. P. tomorrow. Lucky me. I get out of inspection. I think I would rather stand inspection though.

I am going to get some folders tomorrow & will send my big pictures home then.

I hear that you are getting a awful lot of rain back there lately.

Well the lights are about to go out so I will close for now.

Love
Linn

Let Freedom Ring!

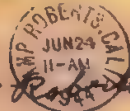


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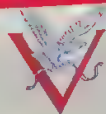
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n, Camp



M. C. Hueter
Staff
Kansas



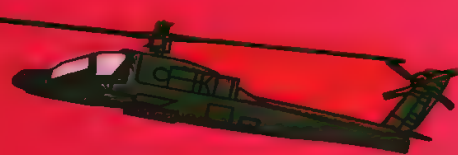


Dear Father

Well here we are out on bivouac or rather we were on bivouac all day. I didn't think we would see Camp again for two weeks - when we left this morning. Well they wanted some of us (2) to come back & clean up around here & I was one of the lucky ones.

The rest of the boys are out on a mile problem. It started at 10 & will last until 4 o'clock. One of the 1 miles 26 hr days. We had to get up at 2 o'clock & started marching out at 4.

They tell us that we are going to have two 25 mile hikes now. One Sat. from 6 to 17. That is the way they march in different areas. Then Sat. July we march 25 miles back to camp.



ARMY





We are only about 5 miles
from camp now.

Well it is getting rather
late so I think I will sign
off & go to bed.

Love
"Jim"

I may not get time to
write for a while so if you
don't hear from me don't worry.
I will probably get a chance
to write next Sunday anyway.
They are going to say mass
for us in the field.

July 1, 1944



Dear Folks

Well we have one week of bivouacs over with & have only one left now. It isn't so bad at all. We just have a review of the things we have already had. When we have a nice problem we get the next morning off.

We didn't get any sleep at all last night. We moved out of one bivouac area & came over here to P 17. It was a 17 mile walk. We left there at 11:20 & got here about 5 o'clock. It was nice & cool walking at night. I wasn't a bit tired when we got here. Next Sat. we have a 25 mile hike back to camp.

I got a swell gift from Bob Tuesday morning while I was still in camp but I forgot his address so I can't write & thank him for it until I get back to camp. He also sent me a leather cigarette case. They are really swell.

Say if the boys can get any rifle shells tell them to get them. I would like to go hunting when I



get home,

I am almost positive we will get
a furlow before we go to Va. I don't know
how long it will be though.

You will have to excuse the
stationary. I carried it out here in
my pocket & I wrote so much I
lost it at last.

We are going to get to go to
Va. tomorrow. We have the
say to ourselves.

We will have to have enough
money to buy a round trip ticket
back to camp Roberts - enough, where
to go to Va. We will get it refunded
I don't know whether what
it will cost about \$4.00.

I'll be glad to see you
now & try to stay some time.

Love
John.

We have killed about 70 rattlesnakes
since we have been on the march.
Some big ones with 15 rattles & some
small ones.



July 10, 1944



UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Talbo,

I received your letter today & was very glad to hear from you. Thanks a lot for the \$10. I don't really know whether we will get to come home or not but I still have hopes.

We finally got to come back to camp. We had to take a 25 mile hike to get here though. Some of the boys were really tired but it didn't bother me. I didn't even get a blister on my feet.

I went to L.A. again Sat. It was Francis's birthday. We went to a show Sat. nite. Sunday we went to a Rods. It was really good.





UNITED STATES ARMY

We got to see Roy ~~Rodgers~~
 Rogers, Betty Hutton, Andy Devine,
 Doc Brown, & saw a whole lot
 of others such as Gaby ~~Days~~. I really
 enjoyed it. The Memorial
 Stadium is really a large place.
 It will seat about 15,000 people.

Well it is about time for our
 problem so I had better
 close for now.

Love
 "Jim"

1st Lt James J. Huerta

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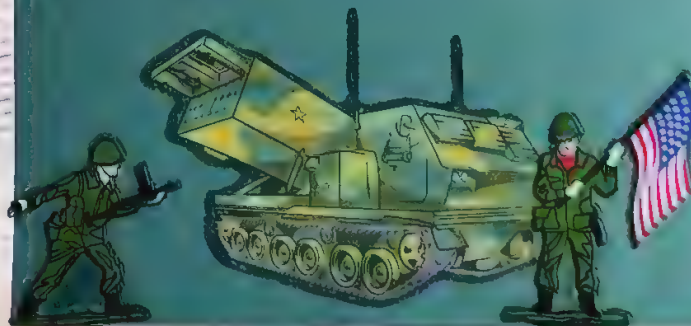
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Post Garrison, Camp Roberts
 Calif



Mrs. Emil Huerta

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Enil Huertor
Goff, Kansas

Dear Enil - paratroops are getting furloughs will need \$50

James

357 PM

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

July 17, 1944



UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Folks

Well we finally graduated from Camp Roberts. We graduated Sat. morning. I will send my diploma home one of these days.

I got the money you sent me but I guess ~~now~~ I won't get to use it as yet anyway. They told us that we wouldn't get a curfew order. That is fine. I miss you.

We will be leaving here anytime now so don't write until I get a new address.

I still think we will go to Ga. but don't know for sure. I hope we go down there.

I suppose that you are all through cutting the grain.





UNITED STATES ARMY

I would sure like to be home for a few days now. I guess I can wait a while longer though.

They had a big steak supper for us Wed. nite. Friday nite they had a big beer ~~party~~ party for us. I went to the West Garrison though to get the money order.

I hope that if I get to A a I can get off to go down to see B ob graduate. I think I will be able to see him anyway.

We turned in our rifles today & cleaned the barracks all up. We are all ready to move out at any time now.





U. S. MAIL

Well I can't think of much
else to write so I will close
for now. Don't write to
me at this address anymore
as I will be gone before a letter
could get here.

I must close for now.

Love
"Jim"

America the Beautiful



UNITED STATES ARMY

I would sure like to be home
for a few days now. I guess I
can wait a while longer though.

They had a big steak supper
on Wed. nite. ~~Friday nite~~
they had a big beer ~~drum~~
party for us. I went to the
West Garrison though to get the
money order.

I hope that if I get to
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to see Bob graduate. I think
I will be able to see him
anyway.

We turned in our rifles
today & cleaned the barracks
all up. We are all ready
to move out at any time
now.





UNITED STATES ARMY

July 23

Dear Father

Well we are going to finally
leave this place. We leave
some time tomorrow. We go
to Ft. Leavenworth. It is big
we start down there July
31. We will have our week
of basic down there. After
that we will get a furlow.
We will then go to a school
in the states somewhere for some
time.

All the boys over 18 years
old get furlows & go back
to Ft. Leavenworth & from there they
will go across.





UNITED STATES ARMY

The 14 years olds go to Camp
in Mass & Texas.

There will be a bunch of
new rookies coming in tomorrow
morning.

We didn't have to do much
this week. Just a few details.

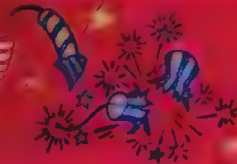
I suppose you are about
through harvesting by now.
How was the wheat & oats.
It should have been pretty
good this year. You had
enough rain anyway.

Did the boys ever get the
23 to running. If they did
what was the matter with it.

We have been getting heavy
snow since we're out here
lately.



God Bless America!!!



UNITED STATES ARMY

I haven't seen it rain since
I left Kansas. I hope it
rains once in the whole year
in Georgia.

Well I can't think of anything
to write so I will close for now.
I will write to you as soon as
I get to Georgia.

Love
L

Jan 31, 1961

Dear Father

You are finally got to it,
having a letter to me a time
or two in a row. I should say
I will be a good boy to you
and to the world.

We got here last night about
12 O'clock. It was really
nice. The first rain I have seen
in a long time. I was really
glad to see it come. It was
like it had been a long time
since it had been here.

The school was beautiful
and the teachers were
very nice. The students
were all very good.
The first time I have
been to a school all day.

Next we will start our practice
camping & also the 4 weeks. The
5 weeks we make four days jumps
4 1/2 mile jumps. Then we get
a break. After that we come
back here to get our animal
tra.

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in. Has a great deal of
resistance again before
it falls.

AMERICA

Let it out at a 10 hr. lay over in
Memphis, Tenn. He didn't swim-
ming for a while & then went to
a dance. Sunday we got into
Birmingham Ala. about 10 clock
& had until 4 that nite so we
went swimming in pool.

Well I guess I will close
for now & write to Bob.

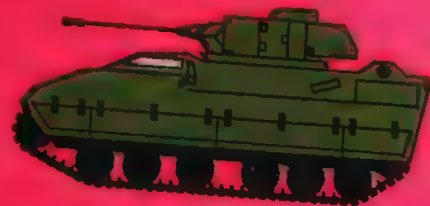
Love

Pat. Lando & Huerta

5982


Box 1st P. T. R. Class 136

Fort Benning, Ga.



Let Freedom Ring!





Sunday
Aug. 6, 1944


Dear Father

How is everyone at home?
Just fine I hope.

We moved again & I have
a new address so I thought I
would write & let you know
what it was.

When we were in Co. I
we was in Ala. & now we
are in Georgia. Just across the
River about 4 miles.

We are just about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
from the Main Post now.
The main post is really a pretty
place. a lot of nice green grass &
trees. They have some big brick
building there also. This is
supposed to be one of the prettiest
camp in the U.S.



We are going to start on a
stage tomorrow. It is suppo
sed to be easier than Prea.

ARMY

We will be able to run about
5 miles by the end of next week.
We will do a lot of running &
calisthenics during "A" stage.

We have seen a lot of boys
make their jumps already.
It looks like it will be a
lot of fun.

How was the wheat &
oats this year. It should
have been pretty good. You
got enough rain anyway.
The corn in Kansas looked
awfully good when we went
through.

Well it is about time to
go back on guard so I had
better close for now.

Love
"Jim"

P.S. I got a real B. I. hair
cut the other day. My hair is
only about an inch & a half long now.

One Nation,
under God...
with Liberty
and Justice for all.

Land
of
Liberty

The American
Spirit lives forever.



AMERICA



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THESE
colors
DON'T
run

Sunday
Aug. 20, 1944



UNITED STATES ARMY

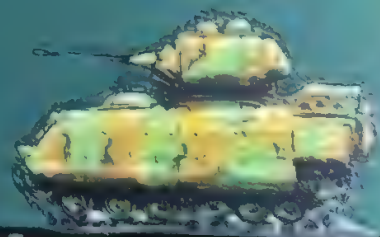
Dear Folks

How are you all? I am as good as ever.

We finished B stage Sat. I will start on C stage tomorrow. It was really a lot of fun to jump off of those 34 ft. towers after the first time. I think everybody was a little scared the first time.

Tomorrow we will start on the 250 ft. towers. They put us in a Parachute & pull us up & let us go. We will practice body turns & slips & also landing. I think it will be a lot of fun.

A week from tomorrow we will make our first jump





UNITED STATES ARMY

from a plane. We will make
the first jump at 1200 ft.

I know how to pack a
chute now. We spend half the
day packing chutes. We will
pack them for the first five
jumps.

Well it is nice & cool here
today for the first time. I
sure hope it stays this way.

Do you know whether Bob
sent the little suitcase or the
hand bag to me in Calif. I got
the little hand bag but no
suit case. If you have the
suit case please send it to me.
Well I must close for now.

Love
Jim



Thursday



UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Father

I received your letter tonite
I was glad to hear from you.
I was also glad to hear that
you got a rain. I guess you
needed one.

We have to work tonite.
We have to jump from the
250 ft. towers tonite. They
put us in a parachute; pull
us to the top of the towers
& release us. It is just like
falling out of the air. It is really
a lot of fun.

What was C. K. about the
week ago. I am also now & it
is just now it. I wish you
would send it to me right
away though. I think I will





UNITED STATES ARMY

to coming home before too long
now. - sure hope so anyway.

Monday we will make
our first jumps. They say it
is really quite a thrill.

Well it is almost time to
go to work so I will close
for now.

Love
Jim

Post James E. Quarter

37135982

Capt 5th Parachute Bde

Fort Benning, Ga.



Free

Mrs. Emil Quarter

Goff,

Kansas

OLD Glory



One Nation,
under God...
with Liberty
and Justice for all.

Tuesday Morning
Aug. 29, 1944

Dear Folks.

Well I have made two jumps
now & am O.K. I have a red mark
on my shoulders. It is really a lot
of fun I think. We made both jumps
from 200 ft.

It was cloudy yesterday morning
so we had to wait until in the
afternoon to jump. It was nice
this morning so we got to jump
this morning.

It has been rather cool down
here lately. I hear it has been raining
quite often back there lately & it is
also pretty cool.

It is time for Chow so I will
to cut this kinda short.

Love

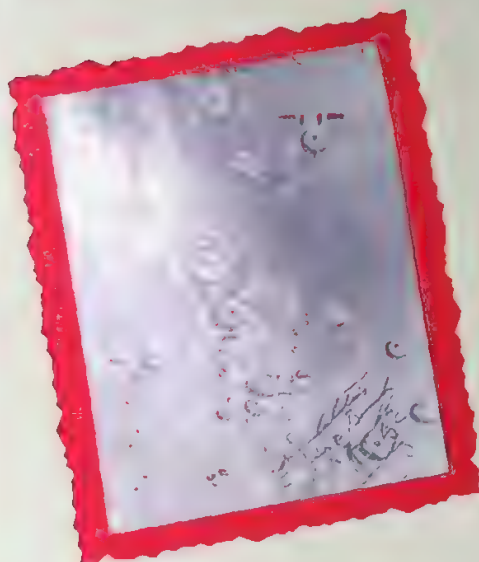
P.S. If everything goes O.K. I
I should be home in two weeks

Land
of
Liberty

The American
Spirit lives forever.

America
be proud!

FLYing High





- Sept 26, 1944

Birmingham
Ala.

Dear Father,

I just a line to tell you
that I am practically back. We
got here about 2:30 & our train
leaves here at 4:50. We will
get back about 2 hrs. late.

Say I know Bill's B.
Book with me & will
send it back to.

It has cooled off quite
a bit down here & I am sure
glad at that. I hope it is
just a cool day & night.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS • THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE
THE SALVATION ARMY • THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
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I met Kenneth Hupson R. C.
alright. We changed our tickets
in Kansas City & got on a
faster train so we won't be
so very late getting back.

I guess our address will
be. Post James J. Quarter
#37735912
Co-B 2nd P.T.R.
Ft + Benning, - Ga.

I can't think of much to
write so will close
for now.

Love
Son.



SERVICE CLUB NO. 7
ALABAMA TRAINING AREA
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Wednesday
Oct. 5, 1944

Dear Folks

I received your letter today & was sure glad to hear from you. I was also glad to get the pictures. The boy that was smoking the cigar is Robert Fitzgerald.

Kenneth Kuper is sick now & is in the hospital.

I don't know what is the matter with him.

I will try to get over to see him about Sunday.

We have really been learning a lot about the rifle machine gun & the Browning sub machine gun. They teach

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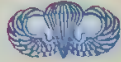
us move in a day here than they did in a week in Camp Roberts.

We go out on the range tomorrow & will fire all the weapons again. They have a new kind of Bazooka here. It is a lot better than the old type. We will also shoot the sub machine gun.

I guess we will be here at least another week maybe two. We are supposed to jump a week from today if we are still here.

I was glad to hear





SERVICE CLUB NO. 7
ALABAMA TRAINING AREA
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

that Bill & Lindy are
getting along O.K. I wrote
to them both the other day.

I guess that Goff's
football team just isn't
going to do very good
this year.

Well I can't think of
anything else to write so
will close for now.

Love
Linn

In God we trust.

America
be proud!



SERVICE CLUB NO. 7
ALABAMA TRAINING AREA
FORT BENN WG. GEORGIA

Oct 9, 1944
Monday Mite

Dear Folke

Well I am still in Ft. Benning & will probably be here until Sat. maybe longer.

I got a letter from Bob today. He wanted to know if I would be here long enough to be the Best man at he & Berts wedding. I wrote to him & told him I would probably be gone before then.

I sure hope something turns up so that I am still here then. I would like to see him before he leaves but probably won't get the chance.



SERVICE CLUB NO. 7
ALABAMA TRAINING AREA
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

I am writing this in a hurry because the lights are about to go out.

We are supposed to jump again Wed. I hope everything goes O.K.

Kenny Reuber got Pneumonia shortly after we got back down here. I was over to see him yesterday. He is up & around again now.

We had to run the Bayonet Assault Course today & had to wade in mud & water up to our hips. I fell down & really got muddled.

U.S. ARMY



SERVICE CLUB NO. 7
ALABAMA TRAINING AREA
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

It got awfully cold down
here last nite. I would sure
hate to be here during the
winter.

Lights going out. Must
close.

Love
Jim



ARMY

ready to move
Oct 13, 1944

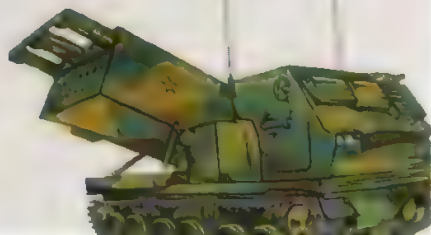
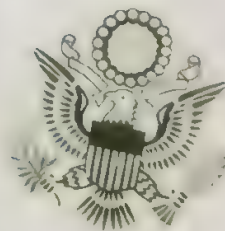
U. S. Army Parachute Troops

Dear Folks

Well I am on my way some-
where but don't know just where.
I think we will go to Ft
Hord.

We are now in Atlanta, Ga
& think we are headed for Calif.
I sent my suitcase home this-
morning. It has Gracie's picture
in it. It was too big to carry.
I guess I will have to get a
smaller one.

Thanks a lot for the \$40. I
didn't need it though. We got
paid. I drew \$8. I loaned two
of the boys \$5 apiece & they paid it
back. I was going to send some
of it home but didn't get the chance.



I sent my camera & films home
also. I want you to see the
films. When I get through
traveling I would like to have
you send it to me. I can maybe
take some pictures then.

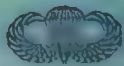
We made our last jump in
the U.S. V. I. Some of the boys
got hurt in that jump. Not bad
though. We had about 65 lbs. of
equipment on. I wasn't nearly as sore
as I was on the last five.

Tues.
got to talk to a Lieutenant
that was in our Platoon Leader
in Camp Roberts. He was sure
glad to see us.

Well must close for now.
Will write when I get to where
I'm going.

Love
Lynn





U. S. Army Parachute Troops

Sunday.



Dear Folks

Well we just went through
R.O. again. They must like to
send me back & forth across the

U.S.

I don't know whether or
not we will go through Tokyo
or not. If we do I will try to
mail this letter home.

I wrote & told Bob that
I had left Benning. I hope
he gets the letter before he tries
to go up there to see me.

I thought that probably
we would go to Europe but I guess
we are going the other way. I
don't know how long we will



U. S. Army Parachute Troop

to in Ft. B. ord. I hope a week or
so anyway.

We will probably get there
about Wed or Thursday. We left
B. on about noon Friday.

Have been making pretty good
time so far

Well I can't think of much
to write so I will close for
now.

Love
Jim





UNITED STATES ARMY

At Fort Ord, Calif.
Oct. 26, 1944.

Dear Father

It's here I am in Calif.
again. I don't know how
long we will be here.

This is a very nice camp,
the best I have ever seen.
They really go to great lengths
to make it a good place to live.

We are just about a mile from
the ocean. You can't see it
from the barracks. There is a
row of hills between the ocean
& here.

One of the Sgts. that took
his jump rig with us has
his car here. He took some of
the things that were in it.



HMMVV





There is nothing around
me at all. I am alone
in the world. I am
alone. I am alone.

[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]





UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Father

Just a line or two to tell you
that I am O.K. & will be shipping
probably ~~later~~ Thursday.

We check out a bunch of new cloths
one day & the next day we turn them
back in. What a life.

This afternoon we have to go
through the gas chamber. That is all
the training we will get here.

I really had a swell time over
the weekend. I went to San Francisco
with one of the Sgt. We really took
it easy in. He lives up there & had
his car down here.

We had to take all of our patches
off of our cloths. I am sending them to
any everyone that wanted them. The boys

Forever in peace they it way

God Bless
America!





UNITED STATES ARMY

Can fight over the one in here. I think
I have one already. Did you get my
sent case yet. I will put the key in
this letter.

W. L.

Say is there anyway of making
a smaller picture out of a larger one.
If there is get Gracie's picture made
smaller under it will ruin the big
picture.

We'll meet close for now.

Love,
W. L.



You're a Grand Ol' Flag!



Dear Folks

Thursday.
Nov 9, 1944

Well I guess it is about time
for me to write. It has been
quite a while since I have written.

I guess you can tell by the
address why I haven't.

We get the news every day & saw
that Roosevelt is to be our
President for another four years.

Did Bob get his wings
yet? I suppose that he has.

If so did he get enough time
off to come home? Did he get
married yet? They won't let
us write about much so I will
have to ask a lot of questions.

I suppose Bill has the
cast off of his leg by now.



Does it bother him any? I
hope it doesn't.

I guess it is probably a
little cold back there by now.
It is getting about that time
of the year.

Dad daddy started to shuck
the corn yet. It should be
pretty good this year. at least
it looked good when I was
home. Did he get the wheat
planted O.K. I guess that
he was probably a little short
on help this fall.

Well I can't think of
anything else to write so
will close for now. Love.





Did you get my suitcase &
photo yet.

Put. Carlos J. Duertes

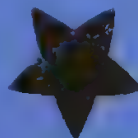
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A.P.O. 15563

To Postmaster

San Francisco, Calif.

Send me my camera & films
as soon as you can. Pack it good
so it won't get broken.



172 Rep. Co - 3 Rep. Depot.
7/17 To Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif

Nov. 16, 1944

Dear Sirs:
Continued

Mr. Folks

I suppose you have been wondering what has happened to me. I guess that you will

I can't tell you what sort

it isn't such a bad place here. It gets cool at night & not so hot during the day time.

We had a very nice trip over here. I got a little sea sick but not bad. Some of the sailors got a lot sicker than I did.

Most all the boys will look for a big base with



McArthur's
B17 "Bataan" At
17 Mile Strip

... and Roberts are here

He looked them all up last
nite. They was sure glad to
see us. I was sure surprised
to see all of them again.

Now is everybody back in
the mood? I just pine & hope. I

suppose it is pretty bad the
here. How are the cripples
getting along. I suppose they
are as good as never by now.

Have you started shucking
your get. It should be pretty
soon I hope.

It is a long time since
anything over here as if we request
it. When you have to put the
letter in the package.

I want you to send me
my camera & all the films you
can get. Also send the Graces
pictures. Wrap them up awfully
good so they won't break.



B17 Flying Fortress
at 17 mile strip
Moresby, Papua,
New Guinea

Nov. 2, 1880

Dear Mr. [illegible]

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

Yours truly,
[illegible]



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 report is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 were present at the
 meeting. The names are
 given in alphabetical order.
 The names are as follows:
 Mr. A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z.





Post the address which is plain black letters in the post office and give address address in the same
method. Use fountain, ball pen, or pencil. Write clearly. Very small letters is not correct.

To MR EMIL HUERTO
GOFF
KANSAI

From
FELICIA H. H.
DIN...
S...
H...

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately
and wondering how you are getting on.
I hope you are well and happy.
I have been thinking of you a great deal lately
and wondering how you are getting on.
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Nov 24, 1944

1. 2. 3. 4.

Have a very hard time
and have a little. I am still
T. A.

I must at all events be
 in the morning, a day, back, and
 at all at all though, I am. I
 am 6.35 here. I do not
 have the 4. Friday morning.

H. id. I don't get overated
 on. I hope he is fair & O. R.
 I don't like to say anything
 more. I don't get back there
 I don't like to say anything
 more. I don't know an operation.

I made a couple of freebets
out of 20 dollars money



They are nice souvenirs I think. I am going to send you one as soon as I get home. I don't know what I can be able to send you for Christmas. There isn't much anything to buy here.

I do get a few V-mail
Christmas cards the other way.
I will have to send them out
one of these days. I will
probably take a trip to
New York to see the
show.

This area water conductivity
all places around I have lot
of trees that I have seen
before. There is also a lot of nice
green grass.



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...class. live about three weeks
...it is as little as a few
...get another big.

...I don't think of
...and will be
...and will be

...the same as the other
...the same as the other

I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the
United States
of America
and to the
Republic for which
it stands,
one nation under God,
Indivisible with
liberty and justice
for all.



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Nov 26, 1944

New Orleans

Dear Dad -

Well, I don't really
and I wish for a while now
so I don't know what to
write to about.

How is everything?
I am gaining weight so
I guess I am not so
bad. I weighed 154 lbs.
Not bad.

I am a couple of the
company and I am
going to be in the
detachment this afternoon.
I will send a lot of

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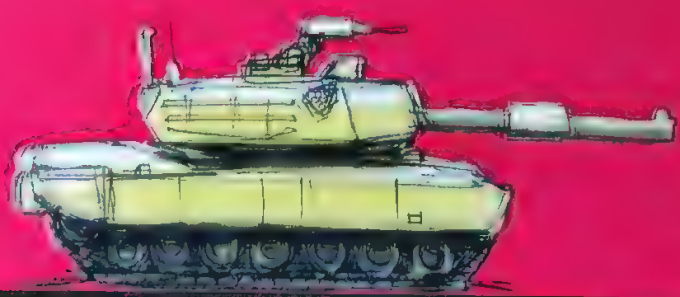
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Love

I am a different type
and I am 5'10" tall and
is 296 lbs. I am a
the first of the
The first of the
at the H. Crosswell
names and addresses of people
from the first of the

I found that the
named after the
from the first of the
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several of the first of the
I don't think that the
is the same.

We really had a
rain last night. It was



not even a single one
 seen. It has rained every
 night for the last week.
 I have not seen any
 birds. I have not seen
 any insects. I have not
 seen any flowers.

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It has rained very
much lately and
I have had my nose
bleed several times
which shows me.

I am taking His
yessow from the
tabrine pills. They are
common
in with Malaria.
There are very few cases
here.

Does you think
that you will find
the 2'30 or 45 Bolt
rifle. I would like

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I have a very
small box of
the same.

I have a very
small box of
the same.
He would

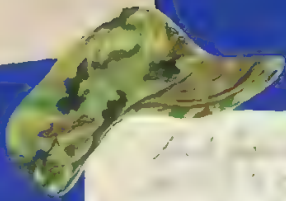
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the same.
I have a very
small box of
the same.



5
 I am writing you
 to let you know
 how I am getting on.
 I am well and
 hope you are the same.
 Love,
 Jim

P.S.
 I am in the 8th Airborne
 Division.



1st Airborne Division
 8th Airborne Division
 7th Air Division
 3rd Air Division

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 1944
 U.S. ARMY
 POSTAL SERVICE

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Dropping "Para-frag" bombs.
These are bombs fitted
with small parachutes to
retard them so they can be
dropped from very low
levels without resulting in
damage to the bombers.

Dec 3, 1944

ARMY

Hope daddy is O.K.
Probably won't get
much before Christmas
if you all
wary "Merry Christmas"
it get any presents
I get paid I
your

It has really been hot
I got pretty



sunburn. I want to
get a good skin tonic
long I hope.
I don't think I can
anything for a birthday
present.

will be able to get you
a nice brown leather
sometimes. I hope.
I really take quite
a whole lot of fun
the last thing I did
was to go to the
day on the boat.

air Mail they get
much sooner.
How is everything
back home? Just fine

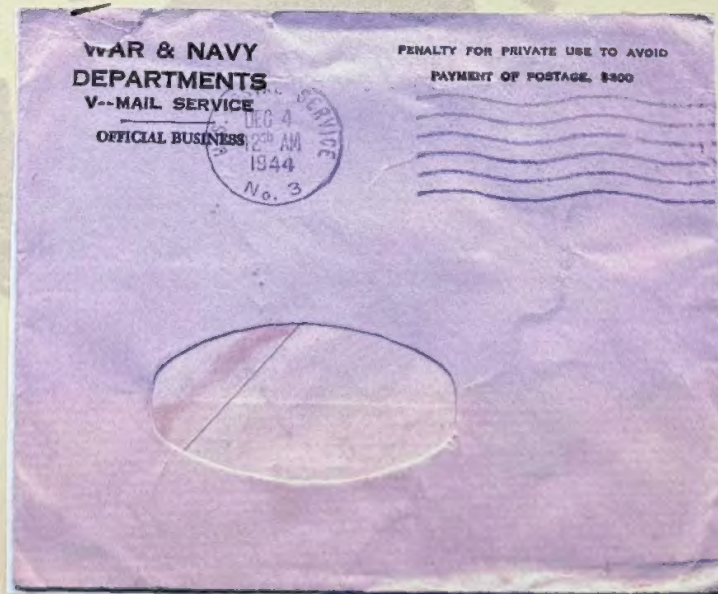
hope. Bill is probably out

I cross writing
(Sunday) I didn't get



every heart beats true
for the red, white and blue!





There is a place

where **FREEDOM** rings,

where spirits *soar*,

where *dreams* are born.

There is a place

where **TRUTH** prevails and justice stands,

where **courage** is more than a word

and *Peace* is more than a feeling.

There is a place

where *skies of blue* shine brightly,

where **STARS AND STRIPES** wave proudly;

a place that lives to be a beacon of truth

and a **tower of strength**.

There is a place

we **STAND UNITED** when we fall to our knees

... one nation under **God**;

a place forever engraved upon our hearts,

more *beautiful* than words could ever tell.

There is a place we call

A★M★E★R★I★C★A.

©Kimberly Knaflhart

New Guinea
Dec. 6, 1944

Dear Folks

I received your letter yesterday & also a letter from Bob & Varda. I suppose they are home now. Hope they have a swell time while they are there.

It is raining again tonight as usual. That is about all it gets done around here.

Will have to get up at two in the morning to go on detail. We got up at four this morning & went on a little run before breakfast. We run for an hour and then we had a half hour of exercise. I am really stiff tonight.

I am making some bracelets



out of Australian money. Will try to make one for each of the boys. I think they are kinda cute.

They had some pocket knives at the P.K. today so I bought one. They cost 5 shillings or so.

I guess I might as well tell you that I am a bad boy. I was in the guard house four days.

A bunch of us were working down at the quartermaster & found some candy bars. I think we all had a few. I and another boy got caught & they put us in the guard house.



Erwin & I were just unlucky
enough to get caught. We
really didn't think that
two Candy bars would
cause so much trouble.

The Guard house is a
good place though. They at
least fed you good. I would
of got fat there.

How is everyone back
home? Just fine I hope. I
am loosing a little of my
fat again now. I really
started getting fat after
my furlow. They hadn't
been working me very hard.
I even had a double Chin. Ha.

I am glad to hear that.
The Corn is good this year
Was Uncle Ray moved yet?

Well I can't think of anything
else to write so I will close for
now.

Love
Jim